(c) Jaipur airport has already been developed as one of the model airports. Customs and Immigration facilities are available. International flights are also operating through Jaipur Airport with effect from 12.2.2002.

Arrears due from Private Airlines

2016. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R. K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are yet to receive arrears from private airlines which have closed down their operations as a result of Open Sky policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these companies are making timely payments; and

(d) if not, what penalties Government intend to impose to such private airlines companies that are not making timely payments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Government has no information if any private airline has closed down as a result of Open Sky Policy. However, some private airlines have closed operations and the amounts outstanding to Airports Authority of India (AAI) from these airlines as on 31.12.2002 are as under :—

	(Rs. in crores)
East-West Airlines	18.31
NEPC Airlines	2.96
Skylines NEPC	1.91
Elbee Airlines	0.92
Mesco Airlines	1.27
Continental Aviation	1.26
VIF Airways	0.61
Others (Less than 50.00 lakhs)	1.08

(c) No, Sir.

(d) AAI imposes penal interest on these defaulting airlines and court cases/arbitration and cases under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupation) Act 1971 have been filed against them in various courts of the country.

Fleet utilisation of AI

2017. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the utilisation of Air India's fleet is lower than the industry average in the past few years;

(b) if so, what has been the results of efforts made by Government to increase the fleet utilisation of Air India during the past few years; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to improve the fleet utilisation of Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The utilisation of A310-300 aircraft by Air India is better than the industry average. However, the utilisation of B-747 classic aircraft is very low as these aircraft are very old and are economically unviable to operate and therefore, they are being phased out. The utilisation of B-747-400 aircraft is marginally lower than the industry average due to scheduling done on commercial basis resulting in lower average stage length and higher average ground time.

Repatriation from Gulf Countries

2018. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to give concession in India Airlines and Air India to the repatriates who are returning from Gulf Countries by availing general amnesty.

(b) if so, the details thereof;